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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend this application (English language translation filed herewith) as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 4, lines 27 and 28 please delete "in accordance with patent claim 1".

Page 5, lines 9 and 10 please delete "in accordance with patent claim 15".

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2-15, without prejudice.